

Hidden Missile Bases Feared

Washington, May 26.—It should the United States permanently call off its U-2 flights over the Soviet Union. Russia will disperse and camouflage its missile bases in such a way as to avoid aerial detection.

This opinion was voiced today by American analysts of Soviet affairs who said discontinuance of the flights would deprive the Strategic Air Command of its most reliable intelligence source.

Paper Just Available

Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev himself announced his intention, more than four months ago, of dispersing Russia's missile bases. In a speech to the Supreme Soviet on January 4 he said:

"...on the territory of our country there are no bases. We have other possibilities of using aircraft, rocket ships, etc., for attacking them."

In this statement, as recognized

minority on Soviet affairs, described this Khrushchev speech in a research paper as representing "a culminating point in the strategic thinking."

Dinerstein's paper, prepared under date of February 19 by the Rand Corporation, has just come available. His analysis, written three months before the widely publicized U-2 incident,²⁵ President Eisenhower called in his broadcast last night, aroused added interest in the light of events at the Paris summit meeting.

Dinerstein's thesis that Khrushchev's speech first elevated the ballistic missile with the nuclear warhead to the status of the "supreme weapon" coincides with the belief of other Soviet experts. The analysts said some time ago that the reason for Khrushchev's speech was avowal against the U-2 system, as far as the So-

viet plan to install the bases of their intercontinental and intermediate ballistic missiles based during the coming "next nine months."

The U-2 has served as one of the "tools" of SAC for some time, and it was of vital importance to know whether it was abundantly or temporarily withdrawn ahead with respect to missile bases.

Should the United States observe the pledge Eisenhower made—and Khrushchev refused to accept—and call off the U-2 flights, there would be a definite gap in United States intelligence. Space analysis with the Soviet satellite will not be feasible to replace the U-2 for about three years.

Khrushchev in his speech explained that the Soviet Union's missile might would counterbalance the cuts in its armed forces. Russia, he said, would be able "literally to wipe the country or countries which attack us off the face of the earth."

Became Official Doctrine

This, Dinerstein said, is nuclear blackmail. "The possibility that the Soviet Union will use nuclear blackmail to gain its political ends in the coming years is obviously of paramount importance," he declared.

The change in Soviet military thinking came in 1955, the research paper said, when "after a prolonged doctrinal controversy, the recognition of the importance of nuclear weapons and surprise attack became official Soviet doctrine."

"The theory of war promulgated by Khrushchev and assented to, apparently grudgingly, by the generals is the most radical statement yet made of the increased importance of strategic nuclear weapons in modern warfare."

"When the Soviet Union abandons large surface vessels and bombers . . . the theoretical primacy of missiles will have become actual. For these reasons we can accept Khrushchev's enunciation of the Soviet theory of nuclear war as an authoritative one with practical consequences in the future."